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Whereas certain draft rules which the Government of Goa proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 111 read with clauses (XIV) and (XV) of sub-section (2) of section 96 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, were published as required by sub-section (1) of section 212 of the said Act, in the Official Gazette, Series I, No. 26 dated 26th September, 2013 under Notification No. D.Tpt/EST/SLP-Coach/2013/3534 dated 26-9-2013 of the Department of Transport, Government of Goa, Panaji, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby within fifteen days from the date of publication of the said Notification in the Official Gazette;

And whereas the said Gazette was made available to the public on 26-09-2013;

And whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public on the said draft rules have been considered by the Government.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 111 read with clauses (XIV) and (XV) of sub-section (2) of section 96 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules, so as to further amend the Goa Motor Vehicles Rules, 1991, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Goa Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2013.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of rule 2.*— In rule 2 of the Goa Motor Vehicles Rules, 1991 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Rules”), after clause (i), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ii) “*Sleeper coach*” means a public service vehicle constructed or adopted to carry more than six passengers providing for sleeper berth excluding the crew member, as per the specification prescribed in this behalf, also known as “Sleeper Bus”.

3. *Inserting of new rule 183A.*— After rule 183 of the principal Rules, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“183(A) *Special provisions for sleeper coach.*— Subject to rule 93 and rule 128(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (9)(i), (12) and (13) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, which shall, *mutatis mutandis* apply hereto, the special provisions for Sleeper Coach shall be as under:—

(a) *Age of the sleeper coach.*— A permit of a sleeper coach shall be deemed to be invalid from the date on which the motor vehicle covered by the permit completes twelve years from the date of its initial registration:

Provided that, the motor vehicle to be replaced shall not be more than five (5) years old on the date of such replacement.

(b) *Sleeper Berth/Seating arrangements.*— (i) The sleeper berth shall provide alongwith the vehicle with two tier systems only. The length of each berth shall not be less than 1800 mm and width of single berth shall not be less than 660 mm and not more than 750 mm. For double berth it shall not be less than 1320 mm and not more than 1400 mm. The thickness of each berth shall not be less than 75 mm **OR** shall be in conformity with the specifications already notified for regular seater bus with reclining seats.

(ii) The width of the gangway shall not be less than 400 millimeters.

(iii) The width of the structure partition shall not be less than 25 mm, between the two berths.

(iv) The lower berth shall be fixed at a minimum height of 150 mm from the flooring of the vehicle.

(v) The clear head room for the sitting passenger at lower berth shall not be less than 800 mm.

(vi) The clear head room for upper berth shall not be less than 650 mm except at the side curves of the roof.

(vii) The upper berth shall be either fixed type with supports fixed rigidly by means of bolting or welding or pivot mounted at the partition and suspended by two bright steel chain mounted on hinges on berths. These chains shall be fixed rigidly by means of bolting or welding to the roof structural members. The chain shall be located to ensure that the sum total of the overhead position shall not exceed the center to center distance of chains measured along the axis of the berths.

(viii) Suitable arrangement shall be made for the upper berth passengers to enable them to go up or come down from the upper berth.

(ix) An assist handle shall be provided for comfortable occupation of the upper berth at a convenient height.

(x) No seat/berth shall be permitted to be fitted in the gangway except a seat for coach attendant/manager at suitable place.

(xi) Each berth shall be provided with fabric covering which shall be capable of being kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

(xii) One pillow and two neat linen shall be provided to each passenger (one for wrapping and another for spreading).

(xiii) Safety guards covered with soft material on either side of the upper berths shall be provided.

(xiv) Sliding curtains may be made for giving privacy to the occupant of the sleeper berths.

(c) *Other particulars.*— (i) *Head room.* The internal height of the vehicle shall not be less than 1850 mm.

(ii) *Body Mounting:* (a) In case of rigid chassis the body of such public service vehicle shall be mounted on the chassis with high tensile, steel bolts with diameter of not less than 16 mm. No holes shall be drilled in the chassis side members (Longitudinal) except where such drilling is technically approved by the chassis manufacturers. Rubberised packing or mounting of adequate thickness shall be used between the body structure and the chassis frame.

(iii) *Flooring:* Flooring material of such public service vehicle shall be sound proof, anti-skid and washable. The floor shall be safe for the passengers and be covered with rubber or synthetic mattings or carpets. All joints shall be dust proof by suitable packing material.

(iv) *Roof:* Roof of ceiling of such public service vehicle shall be provided with soft material or equivalent materials like A.B.S. plastics to prevent impact.

(v) *Light:* Individual reading light at convenient location for each berth shall be provided in addition to normal lighting arrangement.

(vi) *Painting and Finishing:* Such public service vehicle shall be painted in "Nitro Cellules" or "Synthetic Enamel".

(vii) *Air Condition unit mounting:* Every such public service vehicles shall be equipped with air-conditioning unit of adequate capacity.

(viii) *Cooling capacity:* The air-condition engine compartment shall be provided with sound insulating materials so as to

damper the engine noise to suitable db level; and with vibrating mounting so as to minimize vibratory factors in the saloon compartment.

(ix) *Windows:* (a) The window shall be provided with double sliding type slider running smoothly in channels without rattle and with all safety or laminated safety glasses confirming to the standards laid down by the *Bureau of Indian Standards*. Windows shall be provided with sliding curtains. The windows shall be opened in case of Air-Conditioner failure.

(b) In case where the fixed glasses are provided, minimum one hatch should be provided on roof top at suitable place for air circulation.

(c) Sliding windows shall be provided to the driver partition immediately behind the driver.

(d) *Miscellaneous:*— (i) No hat racks shall be permitted in such public service vehicle.

(ii) Reflective tape of canary yellow colour of 50 mm. width shall be provided at rear and front side at skirt level of/on bumper.

(iii) Such public service vehicle (Sleeper Coach) shall have an attendant/manager to take care of the passengers in addition to the driver/drivers or conductor.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Goa.

Arun L. Desai, Director & ex officio Addl.
Secretary (Transport).

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